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Mr. William Morell  
Director of Research and Reports  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Morell:

At the request of the Ampex Corporation, my office has arranged for a meeting to be held at 9:30 on the morning of February 9, 1967, in Room 5855 of the Main Commerce Building to discuss the present embargo of video recorders to the Eastern European Communist countries. Ampex is planning to bring Charles P. Ginsburg, Vice President, the inventor of the video recorder; B. A. Olerich, Vice President; Joseph Roizen, Chief Engineer; John Sparkman, Manager of Export Development; and Richard J. Larkin, Jr., Marketing Manager. Lawrence C. McQuade, Acting Assistant Secretary for Domestic and International Business, will attend for Commerce together with several representatives from my office, and it is expected that the Department of State and the Department of Defense will send representatives.

I believe the Central Intelligence Agency has in the past expressed apprehension that video recorders might be put to strategic use in Eastern Europe. Ampex has been advised that an important issue in changing the present level of control will be the possibility of distinguishing in a realistic way between broad band recorders needed for military purposes and those used for television. They have indicated to us that they expect to be fully prepared to discuss this matter in depth at the meeting. On the basis of preliminary information, it appears that all the Ampex participants may be cleared for SECRET, and this is being verified in advance of the

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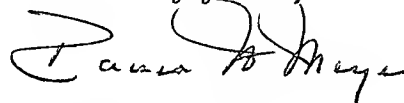
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meeting. This security classification should make for a freer discussion. I am most anxious that we have technical people present who are able to evaluate the Ampex presentation. Your recommendations as to who should attend for CIA would, therefore, be most welcome.

In view of the timing of the meeting, an early confirmation of CIA participants would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rauer H. Meyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rauer" being more prominent.

Rauer H. Meyer  
Director  
Office of Export Control